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2011 Fandango
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and on Web!



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RIP Pard—Farewell to Tombstone Drifter & Greenriver

Gene "Butch" Smith AKA Tombstone Drifter on June 6, 2011. He was 65 years old. Gene Smith died of Cancer after a long and courageous battle with the disease. His body was donated to science. He is survived by his wife Gretchen.



Tombstone Drifter



Greenriver and Joann

On June 3, 2011, Larry Thorp AKA Greenriver passed away after a long fight against Cancer. Greenriver—affectionately known as “3-Es—was a Fandango regular, travelling from Michigan to help set up campers and whatever else was needed. The photo above was taken at the 2007 Mississippi Fandango, with his wife Joann.

Cowboy Workday—July 16 and August TBD

Work is progressing on the cowboy town, including repairs and upgrades—if you can saddle up on July 16 and help out, the fun begins at 8:30 a.m. Forest Hunter is leading the crew and plans to work on the roofs and possibly some painting. Plenty to do! If you can't make it that day, but can take some signs home and do some painting, that would be great too. If you have questions or ideas, contact Forest Hunter at: mcbake@aol.com or 608-780-4458

-: **Western** : REGULATORS: Black River Jack, Book-keepin' BarB, Cap-
-: **Wisconsin** : tain Clint Hawke, Crossbones, Dakota Daniel, Fancy Bob,
-: **Wild** : Fancy Red, Flyen Doc Koyote, Fred Finagler, Forrest Hunter,
-: **Bunch** : Grump Hellerider, Gutshot Red (HR&GC President), Will
-: : Lockit, Mike the Blacksmith, Mockingbird, Mudslinger, Pearly
-: : White, Private Henry, Riverboat Roy, Sierra Jack Cassidy,
-: : Sugar Creek Jack, Unholy Ghost, Wilderness Scout, and
-: : Wounded Knee.

2011 Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch Membership form - PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Name _____

SASS Alias _____ SASS # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____ Spouse's Name _____

CHECK HERE IF YOU NEED PAPER COPY OF NEWSLETTER MAILED TO YOU:

Would you like to work on the 2011 Fandango Committee? Yes _____ No _____

Regular Annual WWWB Membership \$10.00

Please Mail With Check To: *Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch, 1902 South 23rd St., LaCrosse, WI 54601*

NOTE - Holmen Rod & Gun Club Annual Memberships are now \$50.00. You will need to obtain an application by downloading it from <http://www.holmenrodandgunclub.com/Memberships.asp> or picking up an application at a monthly WWWB match. When you have your HR&G membership, you can receive two free monthly matches from the WWWB by showing your membership card at a shoot. Applications can also be mailed to you if you return a SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) with your WWWB membership. More information is also available at the website listed above regarding other HR&G membership changes.

The Professionals Match a Blast!

The WWWB's inaugural Tri-State Wild Bunch-esque shoot lived up to its billing—Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa were all represented and the shooting was fast and furious. Flyen Doc Koyote put together six great stages based on the 1966 movie The Professionals. A four stage encore is planned for this year's Fandango, so stay tuned for details. Full results of The Professionals are available on the club website and attached to this newsletter. Brisco Darling took some great photographs which are available on his website:

www.tphoto.com Access Code: SASS

Thanks to everyone for their hard work putting the match together, setting it up and tearing it down, and of course to the folks who travelled long distances and stayed all weekend!



Upcoming Shoots and SASS Schedule Errors!

Fire in the Hills and Squinty Eye

Some recent issues of the SASS Cowboy Chronicle, as well as the events schedule on the SASS Website, have had incorrect dates listed for a couple of popular area matches. SASS has since corrected the information, but just in case, here it is.

The actual dates of Squinty Eye are August 19-21, and Fire in the Hills—this year's Wisconsin State SASS Championship—is August 26-28. These are the usual weekends for these matches, so make your plans to attend! Both clubs have websites:

The Wisconsin Old West Shootists (WOWS) website is: www.wowsinc.org

Squinty Eye's website is: www.squintyeye.com

Revival of the Wisconsin State Club Championship!

In 2003, the late Cherokee Hayes, a founding member of WOWS and all-around good guy, dreamed up the idea of a State Club Championship, where a few shooters from each club would form a team at the annual SASS State Championship and compete for a traveling trophy. The idea was simple—use scores from the main match for the shooters on each team and see which team came out on top! Cherokee set it up and ran it for 2003 and 2004, and it was a success. This year, it's coming back—here's the details:

- Club Teams will have four shooters, and must include at least one lady and one gunfighter or duelist (including other one-handed shooting categories).
- Clubs may have more than one Club Team.
- Club Teams have to be submitted one week prior to FITH.

That's it! So get your teams together and compete for the traveling trophy—the winning team takes it home to their club until next year's SASS State Championship, when they need to bring it to the match and defend it!

If you have questions, contact River Raider or Mockingbird.



MISSISSIPPI FANDANGO 2011 (Oct. 7-9) - REGISTRATION

(Please return with check *If signing up more than one shooter, please copy this sheet.*)

Shooter Real Name _____

Alias _____ SASS # _____

(SASS Number must be filled in)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Attending Banquet? Yes___ No___ number attending banquet _____ (counting shooter)

Number of extra Saturday Lunches required _____ (Shooter Lunch is included in Shoot Fee)

Number of extra Sunday Lunches required _____ (Shooter Lunch is included in Shoot Fee)

Are you bringing a Camper? Yes___ No___ Type & Size _____

Would you be willing to help work at the shoot? Yes___ No___

Do you want to shoot as a group? Yes___ No___ Please list posse on back. We'll TRY.

FEE TOTALS (for husband & wife please figure fees on same page):

Please Note All Fees paid with Registration:

One Shooter \$80.00 _____

Spouse Shooter \$70.00 _____

Junior Shooter \$35.00 _____

(accompanied by adult)

Extra Saturday Lunches \$5.00 _____

(Do not count Shooter)

Extra Sunday Lunches \$5.00 _____

(Do not count Shooter)

Banquet Tickets \$20.00 _____

Gender - Male___ Female___

Class (check one)

___ Buckaroo (13 & under)

___ Young Gun (14 -16)

___ Cowboy (any age)

___ Wrangler (36 & older)

___ 49er (49 & older)

___ Senior (60 & older)

___ Silver Senior (65 & older)

___ Elder Statesman (70 & older)

___ Grand Dame (70 & older)

___ Duelist

___ Senior Duelist

___ Frontier Cartridge

___ Frontier Cartridge Duelist

___ Frontiersman

___ Gunfighter

___ Classic Cowboy

___ B Western

___ Frontier Cartridge Gun Fighter

Note- Each Class requires five shooters, classes with less than five shooters by September 30, 2011 will receive certificates rather than plaques.

Please send your filled out pre-registration,(this entire page)

ALL fees & banquet payment by October 1, 2011 to:

Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch,

1902 So. 23rd St., LaCrosse, WI 54601

Checks payable to: Western Wisconsin Wild Bunch

Please Note: *Shooting fees are not refundable after October 1, 2011.

Meals are non-refundable. We may have to levy a handling charge for refunds. If you have to cancel late, please notify us, we may be able to work something out, please call Sierra Jack Cassidy at 608-792-1494.

EARLY BIRDS, REGISTRATIONS POSTMARKED BY AUGUST 1, 2011 DEDUCT \$10.00 PER SHOOTER



2011 Schedule

May 14, WB and CAS Shoot

May 15, Fun Shoot

May 24, Regulator Meeting

June 11, CAS Shoot

June 12, "The Professionals"

July 9, WB and CAS Shoot

July 10, Fun Shoot

August 13, WB and CAS Shoot

August 14, Fun Shoot

August 23, Fandango Meeting

August 30, Fandango Meeting

September 10, CAS Shoot

September 13, Fandango Meeting

September 20, Fandango Meeting

September 27, Fandango Meeting

October 4,5,6 Fandango Meetings

October 7,8,9 FANDANGO

November 12, CAS Shoot

November 15, Regulator meeting

December-No events

3 stage WB Shoots

As Scheduled

8:00 AM

Club Rules Apply

Scheduled 6 stage
CAS Shoots
HRGC
8:00 Setup
9:45 Shooter Meeting
SASS Rules apply

